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## French Impartiality—The Guizot Policy.

The present Premier of France is a man of profound mind, wary, cunning, and a skillful debater. His weapons, in effectiveness, are proportionate to the singularity of his contests, and perhaps the sufferance he experiences from the impulsive French people, may be attributed a good deal to the admiration that they eminently possess for all species of dexterity and finesse. And yet, M. Guizot has enough to do to keep his ground; a powerful opposition, embracing more than a fair share of the brilliant talent of that enlightened people is ranged in battle array against him, with whom he is compelled to wage a constant succession of skirmishes, and forced betimes to a pitched battle, in which although he mostly continues to hold his ground, seldom does there occur an onset, or movement, tending to weaken the enemy.

One of the most conspicuous of these affairs, took place in the French Chambers lately, on the occasion of discussing the Convention between France and England, for the suppression of the slave trade. M. Billault, on the 11th June, charged him with playing into the hands of England, and arraying France in the same ranks with that ambitious power, to counteract the policy of an old and faithful maritime ally, the United States. He moreover charged him with an open leaning to the interests of England in the Texas case, which, if true, brands him with odium in the eyes of every true American. On this matter—the truth or falsehood of the charge against the French Minister, there is a wide latitude of opinion on this side the Atlantic, a far greater diversity of views, indeed, than on the other; where, through an increased infusion into the minds of the masses, either of hatred, jealousy, or terror of this country, they are more unanimous in making common cause against her than they could be on any other occasion. Now, as to the sentiments of M. Guizot, and the direction given to French policy by him and the Cabinet of which he is head, little doubt exists in the best informed circles, that they are pro-British, and consequently anti-American, and had any other person been at the helm of affairs, there would have been no features in French policy of such an equivocal character towards this country, as to make it a matter of uncertainty with any one whether it was amicable to this Republic or not. There are some who misinterpret this policy; they speak of it as French policy, whereas it ought to be named after the Minister. Neither M. Guizot nor Louis Philippe is France. By a concurrence of causes, and a series of coincidences, they possess an enormous influence with that nation, impatient of control as it is—an influence even disproportionately great for their undoubted abilities. And yet they are far from any certainty of retaining this power long, for the bulk of the bone and sinew, the spirit and enterprise, but above all, the magic element of nationality is avowedly hostile to the present administration, and eagerly looking out for one who shall assert the distinct rights and honor of France, and repudiate all sympathy with Great Britain.

Let no person then imagine that the avowed leaning of French policy towards British interests can have any weight in the pending Oregon question. In that of Texas, wherein M. Guizot was compelled to admit he regarded the interest of France concerned, he was unable to contribute any tangible weight towards turning the scale against annexation, although it cannot be doubted all his feelings lay in that direction. His flourish too about the right of France to intermeddle in American affairs, must be quite amusing to the American reader. Now it is clearly denied in this Republic, that the Crowned Heads of Europe have the smallest right, on any pretence, to intermeddle in the internal affairs of the States, which have grown up with vigor and magnificence which provokes the jealousy of those old rotten and crumbling kingdoms, with which contact is contamination and enervation. Admit the right of France, for instance, to put on the air of an umpire, to institute vexatious and impertinent inquiries into every act of American policy which might fancy had a near or remote bearing on her interests—recognize her privilege to use all the appliances and means which she has at command, except open force, to kick the beam in her own favor, and our boasted independence would be a naked delusion. An ambitious and hostile monarchy is at best a bad company, and a worse arbitrator for republics. Let them keep at home. As Diogenes said to Alexander, "stand from between me and the sun," so our language ought to be to European nations who stalk over to the Western shores of the Atlantic. This is it proper to address England, France, and all the other sordid powers who trade on the misfortunes of nations. We tell them, emphatically, they are out of their place, in dipping into American questions.

## MEXICAN NEWS.—We have received El Siglo,

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In the number of the 30th of May is an ordinance of the Secretary of State for the interior, prohibiting the introduction in the Republic of sewing thread made of linen and cotton, and another relative to the external debt, which is ordered to be liquidated and settled immediately, recommending to use all possible means to reach this end.

It is said that Gen. Almonte, the ex-Mexican Minister to this country, is to be appointed a member of the Cabinet, and the papers contain as proof that the government intends to take vigorous measures in relation to the situation of Mexico with the United States, about the affairs of Texas.

The next arrivals from Mexico, now that Texas has come out in favor of immediate annexation, will contain matters of great and grave importance.

STATE OF THE SEASON.—According to all accounts, yesterday was the hottest day of the season. The mercury, in the shade, and in the coolest place in the city, ran up to 94°, and there stood for a while, just to try the mettle of the people. Appended is a comparative exhibit of the thermometer for several years.

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